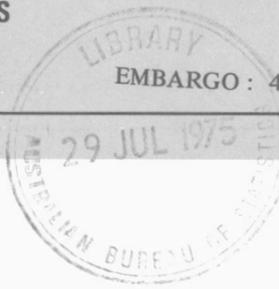




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EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA, MAY 1975  
PRELIMINARY

MAIN FEATURES

- The following figures refer only to *civilian wage and salary earners excluding those in agriculture and private domestic service*.
- In May 1975 employment increased by 20,000 persons but a significant part of this increase was due to the settlement of an industrial dispute which had affected April estimates.
- The total for May 1975 (4,811,800 persons) was down 57,700 compared with the figure for May 1974.
- In the twelve months ended May 1975 private employment fell by 4.1 percent; government employment increased by 7.8 percent (Local 19.9 percent, State 7.0 percent and Australian 5.6 percent). In the same period employment in manufacturing fell by 9.3 percent.

agriculture and private domestic service, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1966 population census. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types :

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), radio, television, police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of Estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners* not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in

TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
('000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1974 - April	1,140.6	856.5	426.5	286.4	237.8	92.8	21.7	47.3	3,109.6	3,104.4
May	1,143.3	856.5	430.9	286.7	238.0	93.0	22.2	47.5	3,118.1	3,111.6
1975 - April	(c)1,108.7	847.1	427.1	286.4	243.0	93.5	20.2	50.7	(c)3,076.8	(c)3,071.7
May	1,120.4	847.0	430.1	286.5	243.5	93.5	21.0	51.5	3,093.5	3,086.9
FEMALES										
1974 - April	644.2	498.6	215.7	161.8	135.9	45.2	11.4	30.1	1,742.9	1,738.8
May	647.0	500.4	218.8	162.8	135.6	44.8	12.0	30.0	1,751.4	1,746.0
1975 - April	626.9	484.7	216.7	161.3	136.4	45.7	10.8	32.6	1,715.0	1,710.9
May	626.5	485.2	218.6	161.2	136.8	46.0	11.2	32.8	1,718.3	1,712.7
PERSONS										
1974 - April	1,784.8	1,355.1	642.2	448.2	373.7	138.0	33.1	77.4	4,852.5	4,841.7
May	1,790.3	1,356.9	649.7	449.5	373.6	137.8	34.2	77.5	4,869.5	4,857.4
1975 - April	(c)1,735.6	1,331.8	643.8	447.7	379.4	139.2	31.0	83.3	(c)4,791.8	(c)4,781.0
May	1,746.8	1,332.2	648.6	447.7	380.4	139.5	32.2	84.3	4,811.8	4,799.4

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1975* (Reference No. 1.10), issued on 9 July 1975. (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

TABLE 2. - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
('000)

Month	Private	Australian	Government (a)			Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
			State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)			
MALES								
1974 - April	2,245.9	268.4	496.8	98.5	863.7	3,109.6	65.1	3,174.7
May	2,253.6	268.5	497.5	98.5	864.5	3,118.1	64.7	3,182.8
1975 - April	2,171.8	277.8	(d)510.9	116.3	(d)905.0	(d)3,076.8	65.8	(d)3,142.6
May	2,172.0	278.9	522.7	119.9	921.5	3,093.5	65.8	3,159.3
FEMALES								
1974 - April	1,416.3	105.7	205.6	15.2	326.6	1,742.9	2.9	1,745.8
May	1,422.5	106.2	207.4	15.2	328.9	1,751.4	2.9	1,754.3
1975 - April	1,353.8	114.8	230.0	16.4	361.2	1,715.0	3.4	1,718.4
May	1,353.6	116.7	231.4	16.6	364.7	1,718.3	3.4	1,721.7
PERSONS								
1974 - April	3,662.2	374.1	702.4	113.7	1,190.3	4,852.5	68.0	4,920.5
May	3,676.1	374.7	705.0	113.8	1,193.4	4,869.5	67.6	4,937.1
1975 - April	3,525.7	392.6	(d)740.9	132.6	(d)1,266.1	(d)4,791.8	69.2	(d)4,861.0
May	3,525.6	395.6	754.1	136.5	1,286.2	4,811.8	69.2	4,881.0

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (4.9 thousand persons in December 1974) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas. (d) Affected by industrial dispute.

TABLE 3. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA  
 (Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
 ('000)

Month	Forestry, fishing and trapping	Mining and quarrying	Extracting, refining, etc.(a)	Metal products	Machinery and parts	Total founding, engineering, metal working (b)	Ships, vehicles, etc.	Yarns, textiles, etc.	Clothing and knitted goods	Food, drink and tobacco	Total manufac- turing (b)	Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services	Building and construction
MALES													
1974 - April	13.5	71.0	90.5	104.6	104.9	351.5	181.0	28.3	17.2	143.2	1,048.3	110.0	368.6
May	13.6	71.2	90.7	105.6	105.8	354.0	181.3	28.0	17.1	142.3	1,050.2	109.9	370.2
1975 - April	14.5	75.7	88.0	96.8	101.3	334.7	165.5	21.9	15.0	141.0	983.1	(c)108.1	(c)369.0
May	14.7	75.7	87.6	96.1	101.0	333.0	165.7	22.4	14.9	140.6	981.5	113.3	380.9
FEMALES													
1974 - April	0.8	4.9	9.9	26.8	20.5	91.4	29.1	23.2	73.0	58.1	390.6	8.9	21.1
May	0.9	5.0	10.0	27.3	20.8	93.0	29.4	22.4	72.3	57.9	390.6	8.9	21.1
1975 - April	0.8	5.3	8.6	22.0	17.4	76.7	22.6	15.3	56.8	53.6	326.5	9.0	20.3
May	0.8	5.3	8.6	21.8	17.1	75.7	22.9	15.7	57.0	52.8	325.2	9.0	20.4
PERSONS													
1974 - April	14.3	75.9	100.4	131.4	125.4	442.9	210.1	51.5	90.2	201.3	1,439.0	118.8	389.7
May	14.5	76.2	100.7	132.8	126.6	447.0	210.7	50.4	89.4	200.2	1,440.8	118.8	391.3
1975 - April	15.3	81.1	96.7	118.9	118.7	411.4	188.1	37.1	71.8	194.6	1,309.6	(c)117.0	(c)389.3
May	15.6	81.0	96.2	117.9	118.1	408.7	188.6	38.1	71.9	193.4	1,306.6	122.3	401.3
Month	Road transport and storage	Total transport and storage (b)	Commun- ication	Finance and property	Retail trade	Total commerce (b)	Public authority activities, (n.e.i.)	Health, hospitals, etc.	Education	Total community and business services (b)	Hotels, personal service, etc.	Total amuse- ment, hotels, personal service, etc. (b)	Total all industry groups
MALES													
1974 - April	106.5	228.1	99.9	133.7	245.1	462.4	152.0	54.4	114.3	289.0	94.4	133.1	3,109.6
May	106.9	229.5	100.0	133.9	245.4	463.1	152.9	54.9	114.5	290.4	94.2	133.1	3,118.1
1975 - April	102.3	229.3	102.0	131.4	245.1	459.4	160.2	59.9	124.9	306.4	95.4	137.6	(c)3,076.8
May	101.8	228.5	101.8	131.6	245.3	459.1	161.4	60.1	125.2	307.1	95.0	138.0	3,093.5
FEMALES													
1974 - April	14.7	31.3	30.6	107.5	287.8	382.2	78.0	230.4	161.7	496.2	167.2	190.7	1,742.9
May	14.7	31.4	30.8	108.0	289.8	384.9	79.1	232.1	162.8	499.6	167.6	191.0	1,751.4
1975 - April	14.2	31.0	31.2	107.2	284.6	375.5	88.0	245.4	180.4	527.4	166.9	192.8	1,715.0
May	14.1	30.9	31.3	107.0	285.1	375.8	90.6	245.8	181.5	529.5	166.4	192.4	1,718.3
PERSONS													
1974 - April	121.1	259.4	130.5	241.2	532.9	844.6	230.0	284.8	276.0	785.2	261.6	323.9	4,852.5
May	121.6	260.9	130.9	242.0	535.2	848.0	232.0	287.1	277.3	790.0	261.7	324.1	4,869.5
1975 - April	116.6	260.2	133.2	238.7	529.6	834.9	248.2	305.2	305.3	833.8	262.3	330.4	(c)4,791.8
May	116.0	259.5	133.1	238.6	530.4	834.9	252.0	305.9	306.8	836.6	261.4	330.4	4,811.8

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Includes industries not specified in the preceding columns.

(c) Affected by industrial dispute. r - revised.

TABLE 4. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
('000)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Commerce
ORIGINAL							
1974 - April	3,109.6	1,742.9	4,852.5	3,662.2	1,190.3	1,439.0	844.6
May	3,118.1	1,751.4	4,869.5	3,676.1	1,193.4	1,440.8	848.0
June	3,119.7	1,753.8	4,873.5	3,675.9	1,197.6	1,437.7	847.1
July	(b)3,106.5	(b)1,747.4	(b)4,853.9	(b)3,650.3	(b)1,203.6	(b)1,421.4	(b)840.8
August	(b)3,101.2	(b)1,741.2	(b)4,842.4	(b)3,635.5	(b)1,206.9	(b)1,411.5	838.6
September	(b)3,098.0	1,737.5	(b)4,835.5	(b)3,625.9	1,209.6	1,405.7	837.9
October	3,095.0	1,732.6	4,827.6	3,613.9	1,213.7	1,388.1	841.8
November	3,091.5	1,729.8	4,821.3	3,602.1	1,219.2	1,374.9	845.4
December	3,081.4	1,707.1	4,788.5	3,567.3	1,221.2	1,344.3	848.0
1975 - January	3,065.7	1,681.4	4,747.1	3,528.3	1,218.8	1,326.4	833.7
February	3,075.7	1,702.7	4,778.4	3,531.2	1,247.2	1,323.2	830.0
March	3,076.7	1,705.7	4,782.4	3,519.2	1,263.2	1,313.9	828.9
April	(b)3,076.8	1,715.0	(b)4,791.8	3,525.7	(b)1,266.1	1,309.6	834.9
May	3,093.5	1,718.3	4,811.8	3,525.6	1,286.2	1,306.6	834.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (c)							
1974 - April	3,104.4	1,738.8	4,841.7	3,658.2	1,181.9	1,438.2	846.9
May	3,111.6	1,746.0	4,857.4	3,669.7	1,186.8	1,438.7	847.7
June	3,119.7	1,753.1	4,872.9	3,678.9	1,194.4	1,438.2	848.8
July	(b)3,113.7	(b)1,751.6	(b)4,864.7	(b)3,662.2	(b)1,203.4	(b)1,425.8	(b)846.9
August	(b)3,112.7	(b)1,747.8	(b)4,858.7	(b)3,650.2	(b)1,208.7	(b)1,416.6	845.9
September	(b)3,109.7	1,742.3	(b)4,851.7	(b)3,637.4	1,214.6	1,409.6	843.4
October	3,107.5	1,733.1	4,842.8	3,621.8	1,221.2	1,388.6	843.4
November	3,088.8	1,717.9	4,807.1	3,581.8	1,225.3	1,367.4	835.7
December	3,072.1	1,702.8	4,774.6	3,552.6	1,223.2	1,347.2	827.7
1975 - January	3,066.3	1,699.1	4,766.6	3,537.8	1,229.4	1,329.6	834.2
February	3,067.1	1,703.1	4,770.2	3,528.9	1,242.1	1,319.1	833.8
March	3,066.0	1,698.7	4,765.4	3,510.0	1,254.1	1,308.8	831.0
April	(b)3,071.7	1,710.9	(b)4,781.0	3,521.8	(b)1,257.1	1,309.0	837.1
May	3,086.9	1,712.7	4,799.4	3,519.2	1,279.1	1,304.7	834.5

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 2. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. (c) See footnote (b) to Table 1.

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